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Mr. Maa at his desk at Jefferson

The Pride Is Back!

by Ron McBee

Parents, neighbors, and members of the SW community held a welcome reception at Westminster Presbyterian Church on July 27th to introduce Mr. MenSa Maa, the new at Jefferson Junior High School Principal. Iona Hargrave and Rev. Jeanne Mackenzie led the community gathering in affirmation that all in the room and community are active agents in working for academic excellence in our SW community. Mr. Maa has adopted the motto, "The Pride Is Back!" for this school year and is working to make Jefferson the number one choice for junior high education in our nation's capitol. Ms. Robin Williams directed the Jefferson Youth Choir in a spirited musical presentation. Welcome Mr. Maa!



Jefferson Choir at reception for Mr. Maa at Westminster Church

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A Tribute to Margaret Feldman

by Thelma D. Jones

Margaret Feldman epitomizes commitment and dedication and inspires these qualities in others as well. With an insatiable desire to "make a difference in the lives of others" while ever evolving personally, her life is an intriguing blend of the past and present and hope for the future. Born in Pennsylvania as the older of two girls to playground worker parents, the family moved several times and finally landed in Southern California. During her high school years, her father and mother had jobs as superintendent and assistant superintendent of a boy's home in Woodland Hills, California. They inspired her to learn about the field of social work and this became clear that this was what she would do.

Margaret graduated during the depression in 1937 from Chapman College in Orange, California with a BA in Sociology and went on to earn an MS in Social Work from Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1939. At Chapman, she was student body president during her senior year, the first woman to hold that office. She married Harold Feldman, another social worker, in 1943 in Washington, DC. They moved to Ithaca, New York when Harold joined the Department of Family Studies at Cornell. After their three children Dorothy, Dick and Larry were well launched, Margaret enrolled in Cornell to get her PhD in educational psychology. In 1960, she joined the faculty of Ithaca College. Margaret also ran for mayor of Ithaca in 1979 where she had a respectable showing, campaigning as a liberal and opposing a large environmentally damaging road project.

Margaret and Harold traveled extensively throughout the world and had year-long stays in Ghana and Ceylon. They participated in both international and local conferences on family studies. While working closely with her husband, Margaret also championed women issues, sex education, adolescent pregnancy, family violence, aging, and "sexism". She is given credit for coining the word "sexism" in 1970.

In 1981, Margaret and Harold retired with the notion of putting their expertise to work in the policy arena and in 1986 decided to move to River Park in Washington, DC. She was delighted "to find how permeable" the city was, as one



Margaret Feldman

didn't have to be a native to be accepted. They both volunteered with the National Council on Family Relations Policy Committee, but when Harold passed in 1988, Margaret became the official Washington Representative for NCFR.

A neighbor mentioned to Margaret that River Park was celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 1988 and encouraged her to serve as the chairperson. Accepting the challenge, a committee was assembled and a two-day program was prepared on the history of Southwest from early beginning to the 1960s urban renewal, featuring River Park. The event was well attended. Knowledge gained from this event was useful for Margaret later in serving on River Park SW Affairs Committee and on the Board of River Park

Friends. In September 2004, Margaret chaired River Park's 40th Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Ceremony which was well attended and received excellent coverage in The Washington Post, The Southwester and other media outlets.

When asked to run for president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), she accepted and was elected without opposition, serving for three consecutive years and then another year later on. Her other major contributions to SWNA included organizing the first SW parade since 1937, involving a diverse group of community people. Her knowledge of neighborhood history later led Margaret to develop and chair

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Margaret Feldman's Farewell Celebration

By now you have probably read that Margaret Feldman will be returning to Ithaca, NY in early Fall. What a plus for Ithaca and a great loss for us as we have benefited and appreciated her dedication and commitment to the Southwest community and the nation's capital at large for the past 17 years. Margaret has granted permission for her friends and neighbors to say farewell to her in style. You are cordially invited to attend Margaret's Farewell Saturday, August 27, at 3:30 pm, River Park Mutual Homes, South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW. So that we can properly plan for the event, if you are able to join us, please RSVP to 488-3746 by Tuesday, August 23.

While Margaret appreciates gifts of kindness, she would prefer that contributions be payable to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for the Youth Activities Task Force and the Scholarship Program and sent to PO Box 70792, Washington, DC 20024. Or contributions should be made to the River Park Friends at River Park Mutual Homes, 389 O St. , SW. For information regarding the farewell, please contact Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746 (home); or send an Email to TJones15@verizon.net.

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Southwest Community Calendar

MONTHLY

NO PUBLIC MEETING of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in August.

MON. AUG. 29 - School Starts

TUES. SEPT. 6 Public meeting of the CAC at Police Hdqtrs., 415 4th St., SW, 7:00 p.m.

MON. SEPT. 12 ANC Meeting open to the public, 65 I (Eye) St. SW, 7:00 p.m.

WED. SEPT. 14 AARP, St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St. SW, 12 noon

THURS. SEPT. 15 Police Service Area 104 public meeting, Greenleaf Senior Building, 1200 Delaware Ave., SW - 7:00 p.m.

THURS. SEPT. 15 Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave., SW, 7:30 pm

THURS. SEPT. 22 NARFE meeting, SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl. SW, 12:30 p.m.

MON. SEPT. 26 SWNA Public Meeting, St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St. SW.

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

SW CITIZEN'S PATROL with Officer Kenny Daniels every Tues. at 7:00 pm - meet at 4th & M St., SW next to Waterfront Metro elevator

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., SW Library, 10:00 am

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., SW Library, 6:15 pm

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave., SW Room 488, noon

COLLECTORS CLUB STAMPS - First & third Wed., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St., SW, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

SW KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St., SW, 6:30 pm

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg., 7th & D St., SW, Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon

FARMERS MARKET - Every Tues., DOT Plaza, 400-7th St., SW. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

FARMER'S MARKET Every Fri., 12th & Independence Ave., SW 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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Arena is a treasured member of the community and works to strengthen and enrich current programs for the neighborhood. Come and enjoy refreshments, good company and hear about the latest in Arena programming for the '05-'06 season, Southwest Night for residents and

SW employees, educational initiatives and volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding this event, call Ashley Forman (Education and Community Programs Coordinator) at 202-234-5782 or email at aforman@arenastage.org



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NO GENERAL
MEETING IN
AUGUST**

**NEXT MEETING
WILL BE
SEPTEMBER 26th**

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BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS . . .

Corcoran Buying Millennium Art Center

Kathryn Keane, Deputy to the Director, represented Corcoran Gallery of Art/College of Art & Design at the June SWNA meeting, telling of the pending purchase of the old Randall Jr. High on I (Eye) St. SW for educational programs of the museum. The portion of the school along I St. SW will be retained and renovated. Back parts of the school may be demolished and housing units built.

Ms. Keane credited Bill Wooby, who established the Millennium Art Center in the Randall building, for the vision to use this building as an art center.

MPDC Activates New Traffic Cameras

As part of its ongoing campaign to curtail speeding and red-light running, and to enhance public safety in District of Columbia neighborhoods, the Metropolitan Police Department is activating five new stationary photo radar speed reduction cameras and ten new red-light intersection safety cameras at high-risk locations within the District beginning Friday, July 1, 2005.

During the first 30 days of activation, only warning notices will be issued to

drivers who are caught speeding aggressively or running red lights at these locations. The warning notices are part of an effort to educate motorists about the dangers of speeding and red light running. Beginning August 1, 2005, aggressive speeders and red-light runners caught by photo enforcement cameras will receive Notices of Infraction in the mail. The fines for traffic violations captured by automated photo enforcement are exactly the same as the fines for violations issued by a police officer.

While photo-enforced violations do not carry points in the District, the fines for speeding range up to \$200 per violation and the penalty for running a red light is a \$75 fine.

New Owners to Renovate Nassif Building

Leigh Chowdhary

The David Nassif Building, located on 7th St. SW, is scheduled to undergo a substantial renovation—after it is vacated by the U. S. Department of Transportation.

This large, government office rental—located on top of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro—will be vacated by the Depart-



The Nassif Building on 7th Street, S.W.

ment of Transportation by June of 2007, according to David Nassif Associates.

At that point, the owners plan a 30-month, complete renovation in order to attract new tenants. "We will be reopening in 2010, depending on how quickly we get a new tenant," said Don Jenkins, partner at Nassif Associates.

Renovations will be handled by Smith Group, an international architecture firm that has managed projects including the CIA headquarters renovation and the DaimlerChrysler World Headquarters.

Nassif Associates plans to hold a presentation regarding proposed renovations at the ANC meeting on Sept. 12.

NPS Plans "First Class" Trail Along Anacostia

Walking and biking trails on each side of the Anacostia River are being built by the National Park Service and the D. C. Dept. of Transportation and will result in 16 miles of first class trail in the Nation's Capitol by 2010.

At the June public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Allen Miller, Project Manager, Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, said he expects completion in 2006 of the East Bank Trail from Bladensburg Waterfront Park, passing the Kenilworth Gardens and Kingman Island and ending in Anacostia Park. Planning

for the West Bank Trail past the Navy Yard is awaiting funding. Eventually it will connect with the SW Waterfront promenade.

Stephen Syphax, Chief, Resources Management Division, National Parks East, discussed the care that has been taken to protect archeological and historic areas along the river and described the variety of surfaces that the trail will use. There will be boardwalks, brick, gravel, asphalt and concrete surfaces for the walker and biker through marsh, woodland and riverbank areas.

Miller praised the contribution of the Earth Conservation Corps, which has organized efforts of many young people clearing debris and building gravel trails for public access to the river.



Allen Miller of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative



Stephen Syphax, National Park Service

OBITUARIES

Affirmative Action's Arthur Fletcher Dies

WASHINGTON — Arthur Fletcher, an adviser to Republican presidents and an early booster of affirmative action, died this past July in his home at 5th and G St., SW. He was 80. He had served as an adviser to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

Fletcher, dubbed "the father of affirmative action," was also a delegate to the United Nations, executive director of the United Negro College Fund, owner of consulting and food-services businesses and the first black candidate for statewide office in Washington.

He was born in Phoenix, Ariz., his father a career military man. He grew up in California, Arizona, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Fletcher is survived by his wife, Bernyce Hassan-Fletcher, three children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

James Banks, 84, Dies

James Banks, official of the Redevelopment Land Agency responsible for family



Arthur Fletcher

relocation when near Southwest was torn down in the 1950s and 1960s, died in Rockville, MD, recently.

Mr. Banks held many offices in D. C. and Federal governments over the years.

Last year he published a book entitled, "The Unintended Consequences: Family and Community, the Victims of Isolated Poverty."

In the collection of Southwest photographs on display in Waterfront Mall, Mr. Banks is shown walking with former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Development Meeting Postponed to Encourage More Participation

Dear Southwest Neighbors and Friends:

The Southwest Community is important to us at St. Matthew because it is where God has called us to serve. We are committed to involving the community as much as we can in the process for redevelopment of our property.

In a public meeting with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly we stated that we would have a community meeting towards the end of July. St. Matthews, in partnership with CSG Urban Partners and Trammell Crow Company, had planned to hold a community meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at St. Matthew Church to discuss our plans for the redevelopment of our property. However, after discussions with community leaders, and based on their input, we have decided to postpone the meeting until a later date. Community leaders advised us that it is best to wait until we have conceptual drawings to share with the community, on which they can provide input. The decision was also made in part because

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many residents are on vacation during the months of July and August and we want to make sure that as many residents as possible are able to participate in the meeting and provide comments and input.

Please be assured that your interest, support and concerns about the development are important to us. Since we had made a commitment to have a meeting in July we wanted to let you know why this has not happened. We are targeting to reschedule the community meeting for fall (after we have conceptual drawings) and will let you know the details for our meeting as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you for your continued interest and support as we continue this important journey."

Rev. Phillip C. Huber, Pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and on behalf of CSG Urban Partners and Trammell/Crow

Nanney Leaves Waterfront; Wants to Stay in Touch

Southwest Residents:

I wanted to let the community know

that I will be leaving my job at Waterfront. The last three years have been a great experience for me; I have truly enjoyed working with the community and trying to be a productive part of the re-creation and renewal of the site.

I walk away a changed person with a deep respect for the commitment the residents have for ensuring the best future for this very unique and dynamic area. There is no other place like SW.

I will follow the projects in the area from a far with great interest. While I never lived there (here), I feel very much akin to the residents, as I spent most of my waking hours in the middle of SW and of course Waterfront (Waterside Mall !!!) is always in the middle of SW life.


I will be taking a job in commercial real estate with an office in Annapolis. I live close to Annapolis and I am looking forward to spending more time with my wife and two young boys.

I wish you all a happy and vibrant future — keep up the good fight!

So long,

Stephen M. Nanney

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Artis Named New CVS Manager

By Thelma Jones

Ever wonder who is behind the management booth at CVS in Waterside Mall? Wonder no more! Darryl Artis has been the store manager since returning last August. He had been the store's assistant manager.



Darryl Artis

Darryl is a native of Washington, DC and a 1994 graduate of Ballou Senior HS, Artis joined CVS in 1995 as a cashier shortly after high school.

Artis completed CVS manager training program in 1999 and assumed the assistant manager role at the Waterside Mall store in 2001. He became the store manager in 2003. Understanding the value of customer service, Artis is constantly aiming to anticipate and meet customers' needs. With an ever increasing diverse population, his goal is to ensure that the store has a variety of quality pharmaceutical and shelf products to meet its needs. "Without ongoing communication and proper planning," said Artis, "demands can become overwhelming." Artis takes pride in giving back to the community, including regularly mentoring of younger recruits. He regularly participates in career day at local schools and employs high school students between the ages of 16-17.

He believes that youth identify with him so he is willing to give the serious and qualified ones an opportunity to work and develop their skills. Artis currently has 20-25 full time and part-time employees at the store, including three full-time supervisors.

One of the youth benefiting from Artis' outreach efforts is DaSean Littles, 17, a Southwest resident who attends Sasha Bruce Public Charter School. Littles was one of Artis' first recruits at the Waterfront Mall store. As a cashier, Littles works an average of 25-30 hours per week and explains "I like my job because it's convenient and I enjoy working with my colleagues." Littles also enjoys the mentoring relationship with the store manager.

Artis is constantly working to improve customer relations — worrying about time in lines, and how to make the manager's special more attractive. His ultimate goal is to reach corporate level, and with his drive and dedication, it seems a sure thing he will reach that goal.

DaSean Littles

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Pictured above, from left to right: Joe Davis, Cecilia Daly, Qian Graves, Anthony Freeman (President & CEO NCRC), Brian Barila (Peake Development Manager), and Jen Budoff (NCRC)

Tenants Realize Their Dreams

by Ron McBee

On July 27th the Tenants Association for Town Center East (1001 and 1003 3rd Street SW) was very happy. On that day the Board of Directors of the RLA Revitalization Corporation (RLARC), a subsidiary of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC), voted to approve the sale of the land to the Tenants Association for Town Center East and their development partners, Park Inn Associates Ltd. Cecilia Daly, VP of the TA, said this "will allow our tenants to realize their dreams of affordable home ownership in SW." Cecilia said "we had many people who helped us get here so we can keep our homes." Sharon Ambrose, our City Council member for Ward 6, was instrumental as were our partners,



The Town Center

Peak and Bernstein, who did not waver in their support. Afifa Kloug, our Tenant Association President, who is not here due to travel in Africa, provided energy and encouragement, "she just would not take no as an answer." The next step is approval by the City Council and a celebration party for the 100 plus residents and families that now have their dream finally come true for home ownership.

Summer Basketball Champs

The Falcons won the 13-15 championship game against Donald Ford's All-Stars. Teams from Jefferson Jr., Greenleaf and Club #4 MPB&G were eliminated earlier.



Trophies for the top two teams



Dave "Hollywood" Carson, Commissioner for SW Summer Basketball League



Jefferson Jr. Protests Were Successful Civics Lesson

Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.; and Dr. Louise Taylor are seen last April as they led a parent and neighbor protest that led to selection of a new principal and extensive repairs to Jefferson Jr. High School. The sign behind them was the first evidence that the school system would start making repairs and listen to the picketers.

Feldman

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the SWNA History Task Force. The Task Force produced the popular "Then and Now" Photo Exhibit in Waterside Mall which opened as part of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in 2000 and is still on display in Waterside Mall. The Task Force also did the preparatory work for the DC Heritage Tourism Southwest trails which opened in January 2005.

Margaret's boundless energy and selflessness to create a better life for others transcend an era which is permanently etched in the annals of Southwest and the city at large. She has always kept the less fortunate at the forefront of her thinking and actions and inspired others while doing this. Margaret hopes for a better life for people in the areas of housing, better health and things that provide

better living for people. She also hopes that the community "creates a space for all residents who are not ordinarily at the table to create their own community and give them a voice to express concerns in the larger context, thereby helping them to become more empowered to advocate and address their needs."

She believes that one of the ways this could be done is that we "focus less on changing behavior of those who are in difficulty and more on changing the behavior of those in charge so that they in turn could change the environment."

We are not saying goodbye to Margaret, as she is just returning home to Ithaca. We'll simply say farewell and thanks a million for helping to make our community and the nation's capital a better place to live. Margaret looks forward to our emails and plans to keep track of the community through *The Southwester*. (Margaret can be reached at mefeldman@aol.com.)



Margaret Feldman waves to the crowd during the 2001 Southwest Neighborhood Assembly parade.

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Hyatt Recognizes Jamal Jones

by Thelma Jones

Southwest resident Jamal Jones, 23, received the Hyatt "Employer of the Month Award" for April in recognition of his outstanding service as a front desk agent. As part of the recognition, Jamal was awarded a plaque and \$50 at a well attended reception by Hyatt's officials, fellow colleagues and his proud mother.

In recognizing Jones's accomplishment, Michael Session, General Manager, Hyatt Hotel (Arlington, VA) said: "I know it's unusual that an employee with less than a year's service would receive this award; however, in our business we recognize employees for their dedicated and long-time service as well as for a job well done. Jamal Jones has done well in his short time here, having arrived August 2004, and I'm glad to present him this Exceptional Service Winner Award for the Month of April." It reads "In recognition of your exceptional and dedicated Hyatt Service for the Month of April 2005."



Jamal Jones and General Manager Michael Session



Job Well Done!

Jefferson Jr. High held its 11th annual spring band concert under the direction of Richard Gill. A flute ensemble and jazz ensemble performed as well as the concert band.

One Woman Show Brings Fight for Public Housing to the Stage

'Capers, A One-Woman Show-Written and performed by Anu Yadav, 'Capers is based on interviews with residents of the Arthur Capper/Carrollburg public housing complex in Near Southeast D. C., housing that is being demolished under the federal grant pro-



Anu Yadav

gram HOPE VI.

The program accompanying Ms. Yadav's staged reading of the play June 23 at Westminster Church in SW, states " 'Capers is a story of anger and no-carb diets, raucous laughter and painful disappointment - and the demand for something better. "Notes from the artist state, "I initially came to this neighborhood wanting to enlist in a cause. In this neighborhood, it was the fight for affordable housing. But as I got to know people, I started to take the demolition of the community personally. I got angry. I

got scared. I got sad. I wouldn't be able to have all these people anymore. . . "

The play reading was followed by audience discussion, led by Humanities Scholar Sabiyha Prince.

Wooly Mammoth Theater and Serenity Players, Inc. helped plan the evening - the third of five performances in the D. C. area. Patrick Crowley was director. Funding came from the Humanities Council of Greater Washington, DC, Multi-Media Training Institute, Sol & Soul and others.

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Urquhart Bids Arena Stage Farewell

Arena Stage bids farewell to its talented Associate Executive Director Desiree Urquhart, who has accepted the position as Director of Education at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark,

NJ. There she will lead a staff of 18 and manage a \$3.5 million budget.

When Arena Stage made the commitment to remain in its Southwest home, the theater endeavored to reinforce its role as a leading organization within the community. As the Executive Director Fellow at the time, Ms. Urquhart worked closely between the theater and community officials to maintain open communication and strengthen the bond between

Arena and Southwest. Her work won her the theater's coveted Thomas Fichandler Award for "excellence and exceptional promise" in theater administration. When the position of Associate Executive Director was created, Ms. Urquhart, with her trademark tenacity, fortitude and loyalty, was a natural match. She has served as the theater's lead representation to the District government and Capitol Hill, and was instrumental in forging a strong

partnership with City leaders.

Prior to joining Arena, Urquhart was a National Urban Fellow with the City of Beverly Hills, California where her focus was public policy for the arts. A MPA graduate of the City University of New York-Baruch College and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she is a magna cum laude graduate of Wellesley College in theater studies.

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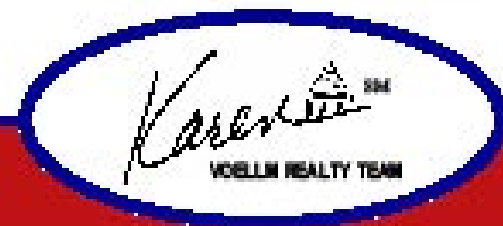
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SW Youth sailing at Graveley Point, thanks to Anacostia Waterfront Corp.



One of the instructors with some students

The Anacostia Board met and announced the DC Sail grant among a dozen others and Marge Maceda, President of SWNA went up front after the meeting and thanked Chairman Goldsmith who announced the grants. The chairman is the former Mayor of Indianapolis and a DC resident.



Attendees of the City of Peace Program at the Arena Stage

Quincy Peterson, Terrance Williams, Di Quan Daniel, Skylar Williams, Traye Johnson and Tyrell Quinyard

NFTE Summer Biz Camp at SEU

Eighteen students from the District, Maryland and Virginia recently attended an intensive week-long NFTE Summer Biz Camp which was sponsored by the DC Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE - pronounced "nifty"). This is the fifth

year in which Southeastern University hosted the NFTE Summer Biz Camp under the leadership of President Charlene Drew Jarvis who serves on NFTE's Greater Washington Executive Leadership Board.

Aimed at students ages 15-18, the camp attracted youth who were interested in entrepreneurship. It included learning to be your own boss through class sessions, activities, guest speakers and field trips which were focused on

providing students with a solid business background. Every student wrote and defended a business plan which was presented by using power point technology in a competition judged by local business leaders recruited by the DC Chamber. Competition winners received cash awards to fund their business ideas.

The mission of NFTE is to teach entrepreneurship to young people from low-income communities to enhance their economic productivity by improv-

ing their business, academic, and life skills.

Resident Thelma Jones has represented the World Bank on NFTE's Advisory Board since 2000 and was instrumental in helping to recruit students for the camp, including attending the camp's opening session. For more information on NFTE, please see www.nfte.com.

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Last year's Safe Sitters

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SW Scholarship Chairperson Barbara Murray Believes in Investing in S.W. Youth

By Thelma D. Jones

Investing in Southwest youth's future has been a calling that Barbara Murray, Chairperson, Southwest Scholarship Committee takes seriously. Barbara joined the committee in 1991 and became the chairperson in 1992. Born and raised in Detroit, MI, she attended high school with some of Motown's legendary performers. Barbara enrolled in and completed a BS in Health Education from the University of Detroit in 1966 and an M. Ed from Wayne State University in 1971. While teaching at Howard University, she completed 30 hours in the doctoral health education program at the University of Maryland.

Barbara and husband Lonnie moved to SW in 1972 and became a condo owner at Harbour Square in 1973 when son Tony came along and have remained there. She has held various positions as a teacher/coach in Detroit, branch executive for the YWCA and senior positions with the DC Department of Health and the American Institute for Research. It was during her YWCA tenure that she met and worked with Southwest resident Dr. Beryl C. Rice, former SWNA President and Youth Activities Task Force Chairperson. Barbara retired in January 2003 and continues to devote her time to the SW Scholarship Committee where she has served as chairperson since 1992 and serves on Peoples Congregational Church Scholarship Committee.

Since assuming the helm of the SW Scholarship Committee, over \$150,000 has been awarded to over 130 students who have attended colleges and universities throughout the country. Each year approximately 10-12 scholarships are awarded to SW residents (zip code 20024), with 24 scholarships being the



Barbara Murray

highest awarded in a single year. Awards average \$800 per student and are based on need, merit and community service with students being eligible to receive an award for up to four years as long as they reapply. Applicants are recruited through The Southwester, word of mouth, and through Wilson SHS's school to career coordinator.

Funds for the scholarships are raised through solicitations from businesses and residents, with annual sizable contributions coming from River Park Friends and proceeds from Riverside Condominium's yard sale. Barbara encourages the community to give generously and believes that this spirit of community support could make a dramatic difference in terms of enhanced standard of living for our youth and community. Contributions should be payable to the SW Neighborhood Assembly, earmarked for the SW Scholarship Committee, and mailed to P.O. Box 70481, Washington, DC 20024.

NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER AMBROSE

Stepped-Up Enforcement of "Proof of Insurance" Law Begins in DC

All drivers are required to display license, registration and proof of insurance - Under District of Columbia law, motorists who are stopped by the police are required to display not only their driver's license and vehicle registration, but also proof of insurance. Beginning this Saturday, July 16, Metropolitan Police officers will be enforcing the "proof of insurance" law - and the \$300 civil fine that is attached to this infraction.

Starting July 16, 2005, officers will be issuing citations, which carry a fine of \$300, for failing to provide proof of insurance. The MPD reminds motorists that the law applies to everyone who drives in District, regardless of where their vehicle is registered or driver's license issued.



Councilmember Ambrose

to use the city's beautiful pools, especially with the temperature so high. It's a great way to keep cool."

Williams noted that the recreation department has made a significant investment in upgrading both indoor and outdoor pools during the last several years. "It's important that our pools be accessible to individuals of all income levels," said Mayor Williams. "Summertime is a time for fun and learning in the water. We hope all our youth can get out to our wonderful pools this summer to escape the heat, have some fun and improve their swimming skills."

The city's Department of Parks and Recreation operates 32 pools within the District - nineteen outdoor pools, six indoor pools, and seven walk-to-learn pools.

Recycling Questions

I have received questions from many constituents concerning the newly issued recycling and trash receptacles. The most popular questions have been; When will I receive the new receptacles?; What to do with the old bins since the city will not collect them?; and These receptacles are too big, I live in a town home and have front collection?

I have contacted DPW to seek some answers. I was told that DPW will finish issuing all the receptacles by the end of July. In August, DPW plans come up with a solution in response to those homeowners who do not wish to use the new receptacles. I expect that by then I will receive more information that I can share with you that will be helpful.

If you have any question regarding recycling you may contact the Office of Recycling at the following: 3220 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020 or via phone at (202) 645-7190

Mayor Waives Pool Entry Fees for District Youth

Mayor Anthony A. Williams has announced that effective Wednesday, July 20, 2005, the Department of Parks and Recreation will waive entrance fees for District youth residents — those age 17 and under — to all District pools during general swim hours. This fee waiver will remain in effect until the conclusion of the summer season, Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

"I'm pleased that the city's healthy economy makes it possible for us to waive the \$1 fee that we've charged children in the past to use pools. By eliminating the fee, we hope that even more people will come out

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Trash or Treasure?

Don't Miss the SWNA's Antiques and Collectibles Show

By Carole Early

On October 1 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, Adam A. Weschler & Sons Auctioneers of DC will be at Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW. We hope you'll be there too. This is your chance to learn the age and value of your family treasures. Weschler's & Sons are donating their time and talent to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. The company has been in Washington since 1890. They will have two expert appraisers at the church. So, bring small furniture, clear photos of large pieces of furniture, silver, china, glass, art work, US coins, jewelry and watches.

Admission to the show is \$15.00 and the fee to have something appraised is also \$15.00, with a limit of 2 per person (totaling \$30 fee). All monies collected will go to the programs of the assembly, a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational association.

In addition to the private appraisal, a silent auction is being organized. You can gather up some great finds at this auction. In addition, there will be a continental breakfast for all of the SWNA benefit attendees. \$15 gets you admission to the Antiques and Collectible Show, the silent auction and the continental breakfast, while another \$15 gets you an expert appraisal. Come out for a fun morning and a chance to support your community organization.



Bring your family treasures for appraisal by the experts at the SWNA Antiques and Collectibles event Oct. 1. There will also be a Silent Auction — memorabilia, restaurant meals, vacation homes, knitting supplies, and lots more.



Have your antique desk appraised.



Are your 19th century family photos valuable?



Bid on political memorabilia at silent auction Oct. 1

Amidon Yard Sale

Ashell Alston, center, coordinated the dozens of tables at the annual Yard Sale along the school playing field fence on 4th St., SW. She is a resident of SW Townhouse Management IV and a founding member of Southwest Educational Excellence Team, SWEET. It has sponsored the yard sale for years and donates proceeds to Amidon Elementary School.



Diverse Residents Discuss Community-Benefits Agreements

Since late June, a broad cross-section of SW and near-SE residents have met to discuss the types of community benefits our community would want to negotiate with developers coming into the area. Three workshops were held at Pier 7, one meeting at Syphax School Community Room, and the last meeting, August 4, at Westminster Church. The next meeting, scheduled for September 15, will be back in the Syphax School Community Room. The meetings have been facilitated by Mary Jacksteit and other staff of Collaboration DC, a project of Search for Common

Ground, known for its work on consensus building. (Note: Collaboration DC is not related to the South Washington Collaborative).

The gatherings have brought together diverse residents who seek a broad-based, intentional effort in the neighborhood to bridge differences, build trust and advocate for clearly defined development benefits all can agree on. The diverse group represents connections and involvement with many of the active civic & tenant associations, resident councils, agencies and institutions in the area. The individual participants

have committed to staying engaged with and seeking feedback from this wider network. Fannie Mae, the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, DC Housing Authority, DC Office of Planning and Southeastern University have agreed to meet this Fall with representatives of the community to start negotiating community-benefits agreements. If you would like more information, the opportunity to give feedback, attend the next meeting or be linked to a participant from your area or network, please call the facilitators at Collaboration DC 202-572-6299.

BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS . . .

H2O Adopts a Block of Water Street

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NARFE Plans Atlantic City Trip

The NARFE Chapter 2052 of Southwest Washington, DC is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey on Saturday, September 10, 2005. The cost is \$35.00 and there will be a cash rebate. Departure is at 8:00 am, returning 10:00 pm from the Police Boys and Girls Club, Benning Road, NE. There is parking. If you would like to go on the trip, contact Mrs. Bernice J. Oden, President at (202)584-3186.

Trailer at Waterfront Mall

By Ron McBee

Have you seen the trailer setting in the front parking lot of the West Tower at Waterfront Mall? It is owned by the Living Classrooms Foundation, which was founded in Baltimore in 1985, that built the schooner Lady Maryland. The nonprofit organization is for the benefit of the community at large to provide hands-on education and career job skills training for students. The emphasis is applied learning with a low staff-to-student ratio. They now have their building and pre-occupancy permit. Verizon has run the phone lines to the trailer, a security system has been installed, and they are now getting bids for the plumbing and electrical work. John Dillow, Managing Director, hopes they can get this finished by the end of August and call for final inspections. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) looks forward to having John and the Living Classrooms in our community.

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Officials of the 1D Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) started buying food and supplies for the cook-out at 6:30 am and served until late in the evening.



L-R Irv Gamza, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose & David Sobelsohn



Cooks at Night Out



Ms. Valentine of CAC served the children at Night Out



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